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**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA**

These qualifications are intended for use as a popular guide. The Code references listed should be consulted as the final authority for all qualifications. It is the applicant's responsibility to determine what the qualifications are and that they are met.

The following are the qualifications for the Clerk of the Superior Court for Cobb County, Georgia:

1. They must be a citizen of the United States.
2. They must be a resident of Cobb County and have resided in Cobb County for at least two (2) years prior to qualifying for election to the office.
3. They must be a registered voter.
4. They must have attained the age of twenty-five (25) years prior to the date of qualifying for election to the office. (This shall not apply to any person serving as Clerk of the Superior Court on July 1, 1981)
5. They must have attained a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
6. They must not have been convicted of a felony offense or any offense involving moral turpitude contrary to the laws of this state, any other state or the United States.
7. They must file an affidavit with the officer before whom such person has qualified to seek the office of clerk of the superior court prior to or at the time of qualifying, which affidavit shall affirm that he meets all the qualification required.
8. Any person elected on or after January 1, 2000 shall satisfactorily complete 40 hours of continuing judicial education prior to taking office and assuming the duties and responsibilities of office. The clerk of superior court shall file a certificate of training issued by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia with the Probate Court and shall enter the certificate on the minutes of Cobb County Superior Court. Upon completion of the 40 hour curriculum, the clerk shall become a certified clerk of the superior court.
9. Effective July 1, 1983, after the initial year of training, each clerk of superior court shall complete 15 hours of additional training per annum during each year in which he serves as clerk, and shall file a certificate of additional training issued by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia with the Judge of Probate Court in Cobb County. On or after July 1, 1998, the certificate shall also be entered upon the minutes of the Cobb County Superior Court.

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The above requirements are excerpts from applicable law. The specific law of the requirements may be found in O.C.G.A. §15-6-50 and Georgia Constitution Article 9, Section 1, Paragraph 3.

10. They must pay a qualification fee of \$3,282.78, or file a Pauper's Affidavit, O.C.G.A. §21-2-131(a)(1); §21-2-132(f).
11. Any candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court for Cobb County shall, on the date of his qualification for such office in either a primary or general election, certify to the Judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County the name of the person he shall appoint as his Deputy Clerk in the event he is elected to the office of Clerk.

A. PARTY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

12. In the case of a general primary, they must file an application not earlier than 9:00 a.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May immediately prior to the primary and not later than at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following the Wednesday immediately following the third Monday in May, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays. In the case of a special primary, the candidate shall qualify no earlier than the date of the call for the special primary and no later than 25 days prior to the date of such primary. O.C.G.A. §21-2-153 (c).
13. Notice of candidacy must be filed with the political party by affidavit stating:
 - (a) Residence with street number, if any, and post office box address;
 - (b) Profession, business or occupation, if any;
 - (c) The name of his precinct;
 - (d) That he is an elector of the county of his residence eligible to vote in the primary election in which he is a candidate for nomination;
 - (e) The name of the office he is seeking;
 - (f) That he is eligible to hold such office;
 - (g) That he has never been convicted and sentenced in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in

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office, or felony involving moral turpitude under the laws of this state or any other state or of the United States, or that his civil rights have been restored and that at least ten years have elapsed from the date of completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; and

- (h) That he will not knowingly violate the Election Chapter of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A. §21-2-153(e)), or the rules and regulations adopted under said Chapter.

B. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

- 14. In the case of a general election, they must file an application not earlier than 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Monday in June and no later than 25 days prior to the date of such primary. 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the fourth Monday in June. In case of a special election, they must file an application no earlier than the date of the call of the election and no later than 25 days prior to the date of such primary. O.C.G.A. §21-2-132 (c).
- 15. Notice of candidacy must be filed with an affidavit stating:
 - (a) Residence with street number, if any, and post office box address;
 - (b) Profession, business or occupation, if any;
 - (c) The name of his precinct;
 - (d) That he is an elector of the county of his residence eligible to vote in the election in which he is a candidate;
 - (e) The name of the office he is seeking;
 - (f) That he is eligible to hold such office;
 - (g) That he has never been convicted and sentenced in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude under the laws of this state or any other state or of the United States, or that his civil rights have been restored and that at least ten years have elapsed from the date of completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; and
 - (h) That he will not knowingly violate the Election Chapter of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A. §21-2-132(e)), or the rules and regulations adopted under said Chapter.